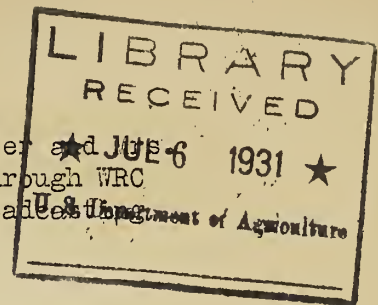


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THE HOUSEHOLD CALENDAR

A radio interview between Mrs. Rowena Schmidt Carpenter and Fanny Walker Yeatman, Bureau of Home Economics, delivered through WRC and 42 other radio stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Thursday, June 25, 1931.



Mrs. Carpenter:

How do you do, Homemakers!

I feel I owe a great many of you an explanation, so many hundreds of you in fact, that it is easier for me to tell it to you than to write so many letters. A number of weeks ago, the last part of April, Miss Viemont and I told you about a new leaflet on slip covers. We thought it was so nearly ready that we suggested you send in your requests at once, so we could have an envelope addressed to bring you a copy just as soon as it came from the press, in plenty of time for you to have Miss Viemont's ideas before you started making your summer slip covers. Somehow that bulletin has been so much slower than we expected that about 900 envelopes are waiting here, and 900 of you are waiting there, for a copy. And now your patience is about to be rewarded. Leaflet 76 "Slip Covers" will be off the press in a day or two. If you haven't asked for a copy, get your request in the mail today, writing to us or to your station.

Since I talked to you two weeks ago, something has happened that we have been looking forward to eagerly in the Bureau for a long time,-- the new radio cookbook has come out. Perhaps you didn't even know that the little green book called "Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipes" was being revised and enlarged. Maybe you feel like many of my friends who say they can't see how the old book could have been improved. Well anyway, it has, in a number of respects. I want Mrs. Yeatman, who is the recipe specialist you know, to tell you about the new book.

Mrs. Yeatman: Well, in the first place there are more recipes. I mention that first because I know that homemakers are always wanting something different for dinner, breakfast, or lunch. The old cookbook had 86 pages. The new one has 142 pages and contains about 100 extra recipes. That doesn't mean that Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipes Revised is a complete cookbook. It isn't that by any means; we haven't intended it to be. It is made up, you know, of recipes selected from the Aunt Sammy radio programs known as Housekeepers' Chats, which you get over some local station in your neighborhood five days a week, I am sure. Three of those days you hear a menu and one or two of the recipes needed to carry out the suggestions it contains. Those recipes given in Aunt Sammy's Household Chats, or many of them at least, are in the Radio Cookbook.

Mrs. Carpenter: I think, Mrs. Yeatman, that our radio friends would be interested in hearing where you get these recipes and just what you (as the recipe lady) do to them.

Mrs. Yeatman: We get recipes from many sources. Some, we develop in our own experimental kitchens; and these are, so far as we know, not just like

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any others. Many of them are recipes we know about, test out and change in some way to improve them. Every recipe that we broadcast,--every recipe in the Radio Cookbook, has been tested and re-tested, and tasted and re-tasted by members of our staff. Of course people vary in their preference for flavors and seasonings, so no recipe is perfect for everyone. We offer ours for you to try, and either enjoy them as they are or modify to please your family's taste.

Mrs. Carpenter: You said a while ago that the Aunt Sammy Radio Recipe book is not a complete cookbook. Now that might mean that it contains only vegetable and dessert dishes or only salads and sandwiches. Since it contains so much more than those things, I wish you would tell us just what is in it, and just how you consider it incomplete.

Mrs. Yeatman: The book has recipes for every course in the meal, but each chapter or section is short. There are not as many recipes for any one kind of dish as a larger, more exhaustive cookbook has. There's a reason for this: you see our bulletins on preparing beef, lamb, eggs, rice, and other foods supplement the recipes in this little green book. The sections I spoke of follow the order of the courses of a dinner: Recipes for soups and chowders are first in the book, then meats and fish, vegetables, salads, and so on, to desserts. And there is an excellent index in the back to help you find every recipe.

Mrs. Carpenter: In other words, we feel it's fine as far as it goes. And I know you can hardly wait for us to say goodby so you can write a postcard or a note asking for a copy. Send to your station, or to the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, for Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipes Revised, or for the Radio Cookbook if that title is too long to remember. Goodby, Homemakers, until next Thursday.